

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the existing Title with the following amended Title:

Rotary Hammer With Mode Change Ring

Please replace paragraph [0033]¹ with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] The hollow cylindrical piston (24) is slideably located within the hollow cylindrical spindle (4). A ram (3) is slideably mounted within the hollow cylindrical piston and an O-ring seal is mounted around the ram so as to seal between the periphery of the ram and the internal surface of the piston. During normal operation of the hammer, a closed air cushion is formed between the interior of the piston and the rearward face of the ram and so the ram is reciprocatingly driven by the piston via the closed air cushion. During normal operation of the hammer the ram repeatedly impacts a ~~beatpiece~~ beatpiece (5), which beatpiece is mounted within the spindle so as to be able to undergo limited reciprocation. The beatpiece transfers impacts from the ram to a tool or bit (34) mounted within a forward tool holder portion of the spindle by a tool holder arrangement (36), for example an SDS-type tool holder. The tool or bit (34) is releasably locked within the tool holder portion of the spindle so as to be able to reciprocate within the tool holder portion of the spindle by a limited amount. In Figure 1, the ram and beatpiece are shown in their idle mode position in the top half of Figure 1 and in their operating position in the bottom part of Figure 1. ;

¹ Paragraph numbers used here and throughout are those in published application US 2006/0266535 and may differ from paragraph numbers in the original filed Specification.